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SUBJ: RESPONSE TO SOVIET STATEMENT ON HAGUE
CONVENTION

REFERENCES: A) BONN 16768, B) MOSCOW 11783

1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES ALLIED RESPONSE TO SOVIET PROTEST
ON EXTENSION OF HAGUE CONVENTION TO WSB CAN BE IMPROVED
BY RECASTING PARA 3 OF DRAFT TEXT (REFTEL A) ALONG LINES
PARA 2 BELOW. INTENT OF PROPOSED REDRAFT IS TO FOCUS OUR
RESPONSE ON CENTRAL ISSUE DEALT WITH BY CONVENTION RATHER
THAN PERMITTING OURSELVES TO BE DRAWN INTO EXTRANEIOUS DIS-
CUSSION OF QUADRIPARTITE AVIATION RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBIL-
ITIES THUS REDUCING CHANCE OF FURTHER EXCHANGE WITH
SOVIETS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: QUOTE - AS THE THREE POWERS HAVE POINTED
OUT, THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE CONVENTION IS TO DEFINE
A CRIME AND ESTABLISH JURISDICTION OVER THAT TYPE OF
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CRIME. THE CONVENTION IS NOT PRIMARILY DIRECTED AT THE

REGULATION OF CIVIL AVIATION OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, INSOFAR AS CIVIL AVIATION MAY BE CONCERNED, THE THREE POWERS HAVE TAKEN THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THAT ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THESE MATTERS REMAIN UNAFFECTED. END QUOTE.

3. USREP SHOULD SEEK BONN GROUP CONCURRENCE IN PROPOSED REDRAFT OF ALLIED RESPONSE. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE

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